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Sir:

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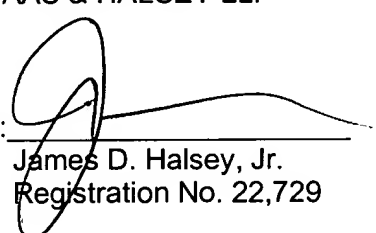
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⑤ Japan No. HEI 5-20407 A	Jan. 29, 1993	English Abstract, scope of claims
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